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(57) Abstract: This invention disclosure relates to compositions for the delivery of stable surface modified sub-micron and micron sized particles of water-insoluble biologically active substances from a non-aqueous medium that self-disperses on exposure to an aqueous environment.

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Present claims 1-15 relate to an extremely large number of possible compositions, non-aqueous media, surfactant systems and hydrophilic substances. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for only a very small proportion of the compositions, non-aqueous media, surfactant systems and hydrophilic substances claimed. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compositions prepared in the examples, and to the non-aqueous media, surfactant systems and hydrophilic substances disclosed in the examples on pages 22-28, and to the general concepts of "non-aqueous media", "surfactant systems" and "hydrophilic substances".

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